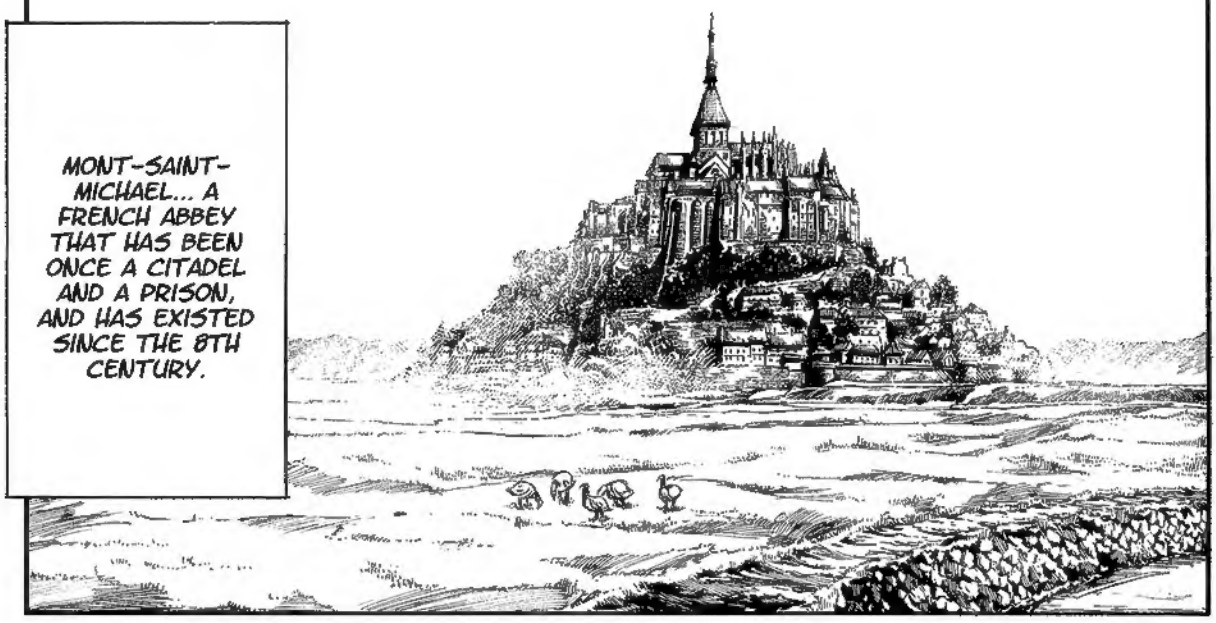
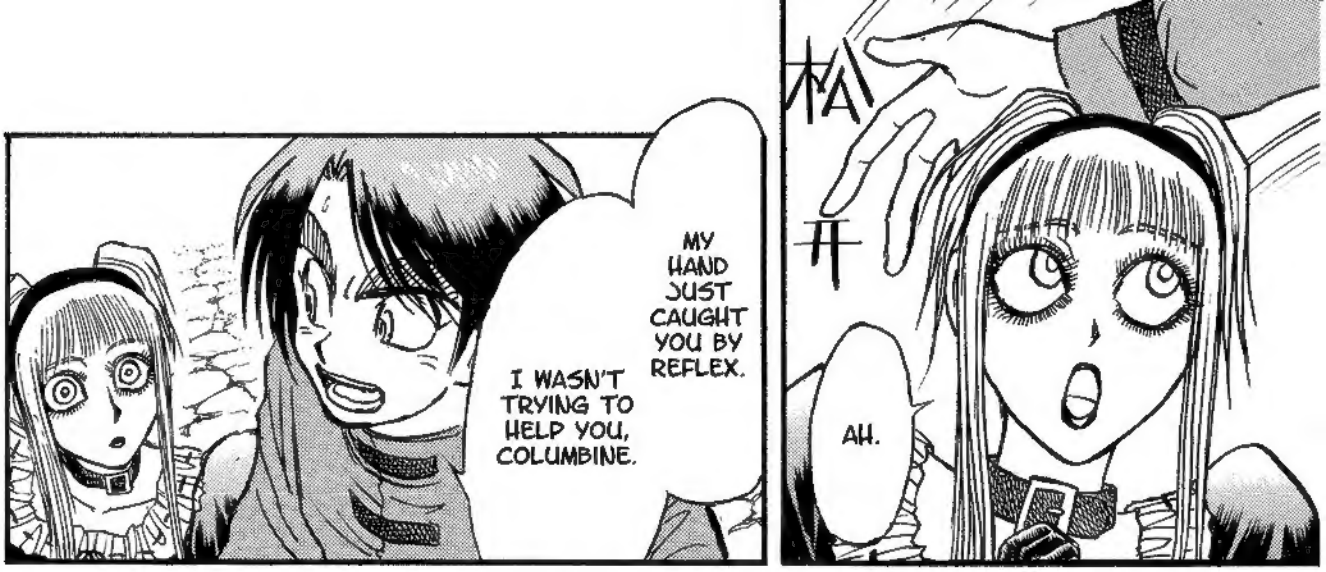
ACT 42 - AT MONT-SAINT-MICHEL




MY HAND JUST CAUGHT YOU BY REFLEX.
I WASN'T TRYING TO HELP YOU, COLUMBINE.
AH.

YOU SPREAD ZONAPHA SYNDROME THROUGH KUROGA VILLAGE AND THE WHOLE WORLD...
I'LL DEFEAT EVERY SINGLE AUTOMATA AND THE O!!

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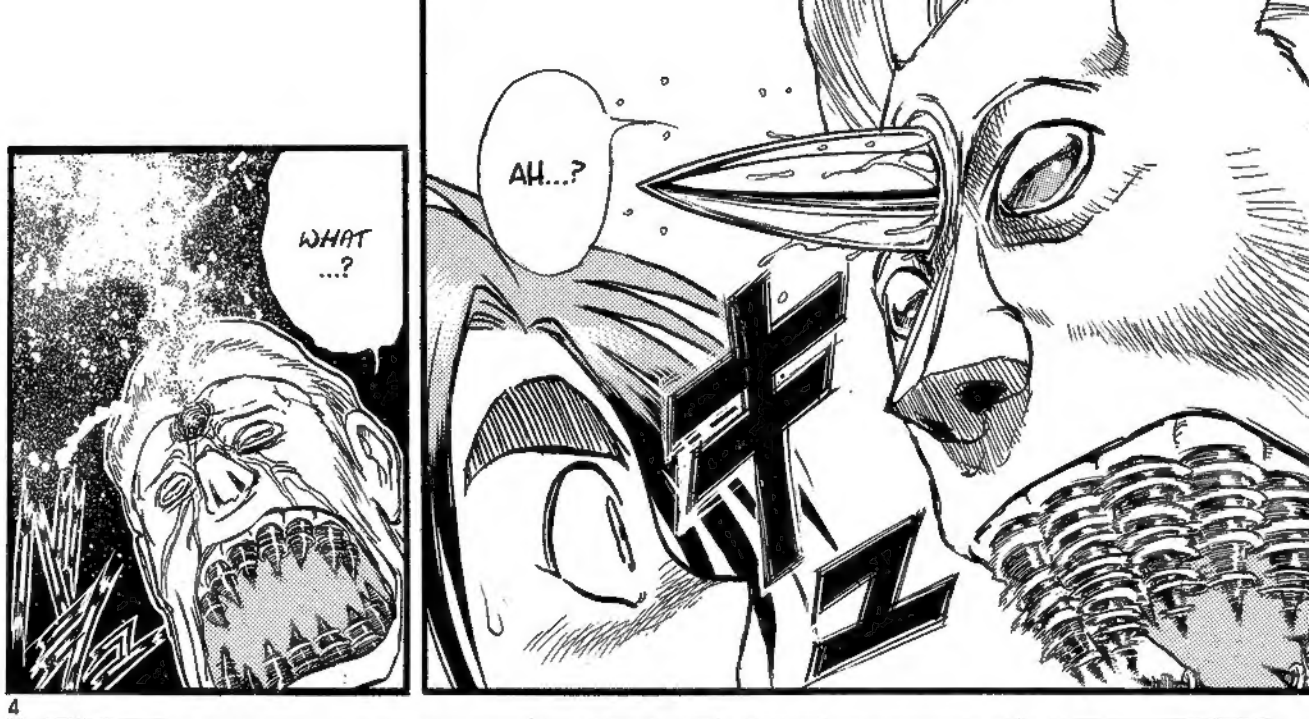
ABOUT THAT,
I CAN'T TOLERATE THE FACT THAT YOU SEEM TO THINK WE ARE THE SAME AS THOSE DOLLS.
AND WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH THAT!?
WE THE O HAVE ORGANICALLY SYNTHETIZED BODIES READY FOR COMBAT.

RIGHT NOW WE'RE COOPERATING WITH THE DOLLS UNDER MASTER FACELESS, BUT WE'LL ALL FIGHT EACH OTHER ONCE OUR FREE TIME ARRIVES.
WE ARE SUPERHUMANS THAT FAR SURPASS THE AUTOMATA.
OUR ORIGINAL HUMAN PERSONALITY HAS BEEN DOWNLOADED INTO OUR ELECTRONIC BRAINS.
HI HI HI
WE WON'T KILL MASTER FACELESS' NEXT BODY.
BUT THIS WILL HURT. WE'LL FORGIVE YOU IF YOU SCREAM, THOUGH.
...WE'LL PUNISH YOU WITH JUST A LITTLE TASTE OF PHYSICAL PAIN.
...AND BECAUSE YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THE DOLLS...
INTER-ESTING! THEN LET'S DROWN THIS BRAT IN A SEA OF TEARS!
ONCE A MAN CRIES, HIS TEARS WILL NEVER DRY UP.
WOUNDS HEAL, BUT...


AH...?
WHAT ...?

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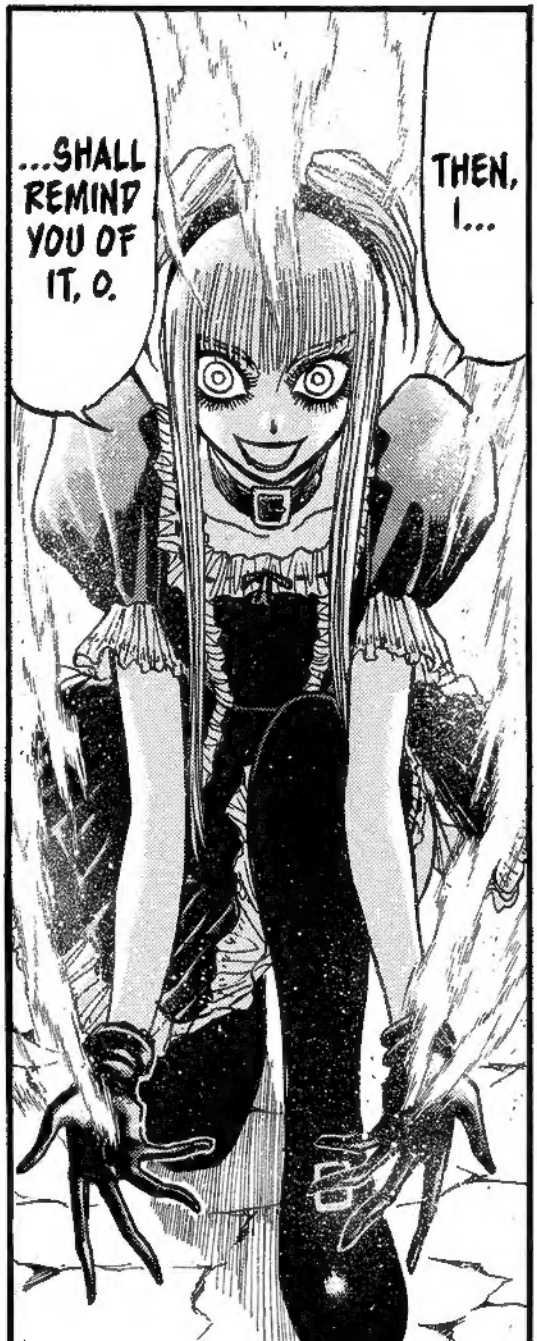
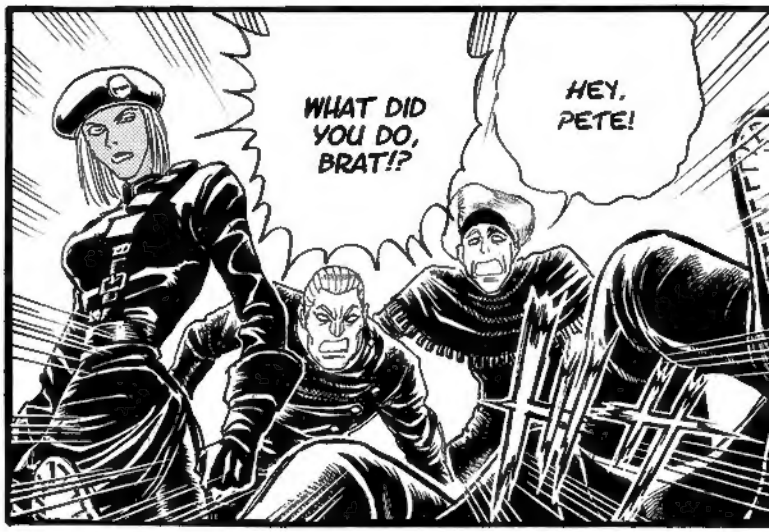
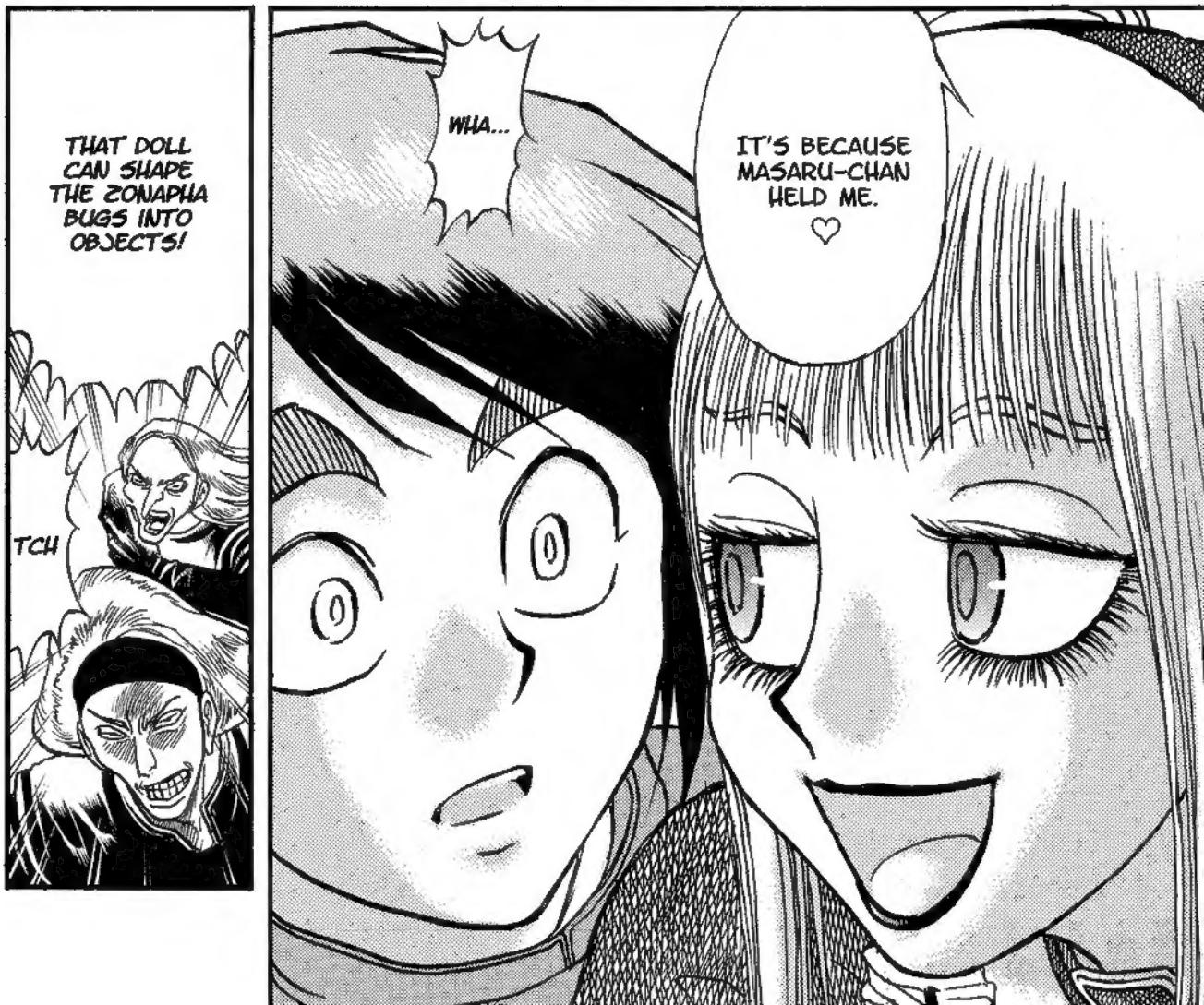

THEN, I...
...SHALL REMIND YOU OF IT, O.


WHAT DID YOU DO, BRAT!?
HEY, PETE!

HMPH, YOU'LL INFLICT PHYSICAL PAIN...?
EVEN THOUGH YOU FORGOT ABOUT SAID PAIN ONCE YOU THREW AWAY YOUR BODIES...?

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? ARE YOU TURNING AGAINST US?
COLUMBINE CAN CONTROL THE ZONAPHA BUGS IN THE AIR AT WILL, SHE'S A BUG MANIPULATOR! DON'T LOWER YOUR GUARD.
UGH.
COLUM-BINE!
カシャン!
YOU'RE SO SILLY, NAYA.
AREN'T YOU MASTER FACELESS' LOYAL DOLL?
YOU PLAN TO BETRAY HIM!?
!?
I'm gonna let Masaru-chan escape.
C... COLUMBINE... WHY...?

OH, YOU SEEEE,
URGH


THAT DOLL CAN SHAPE THE ZONAPHA BUGS INTO OBJECTS!
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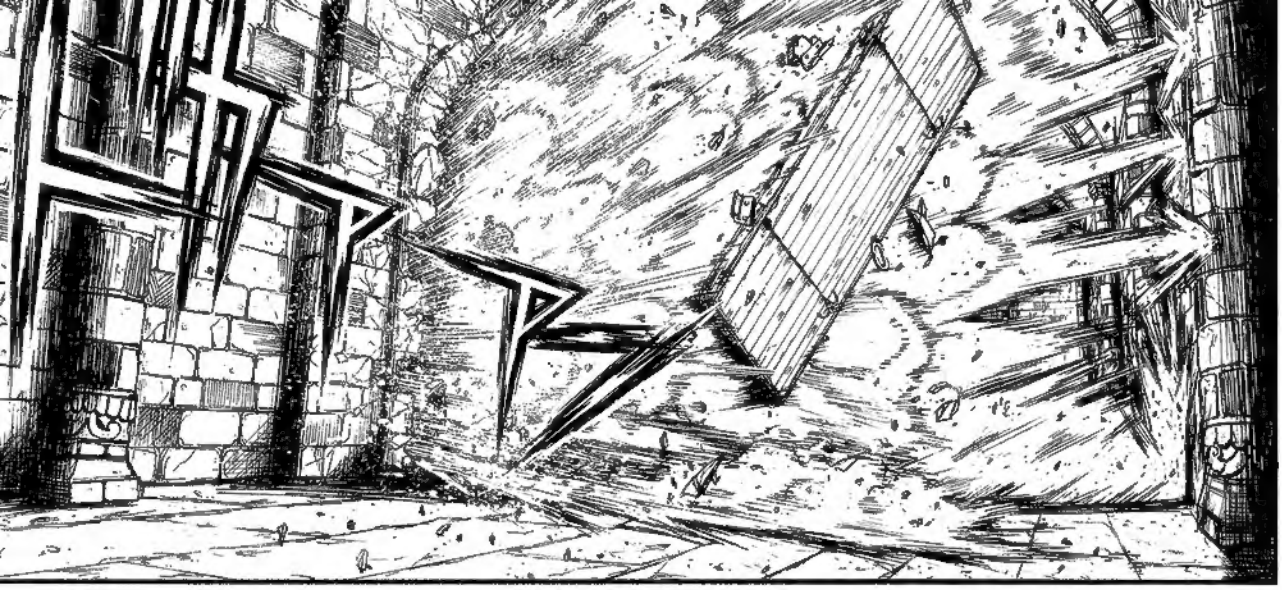
WHA...
IT'S BECAUSE MASARU-CHAN HELD ME. ♡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...WAS TO BE EMBRACED BY A HUMAN MAN.
YOU KNOW, THE THING I MOST WISHED FOR...
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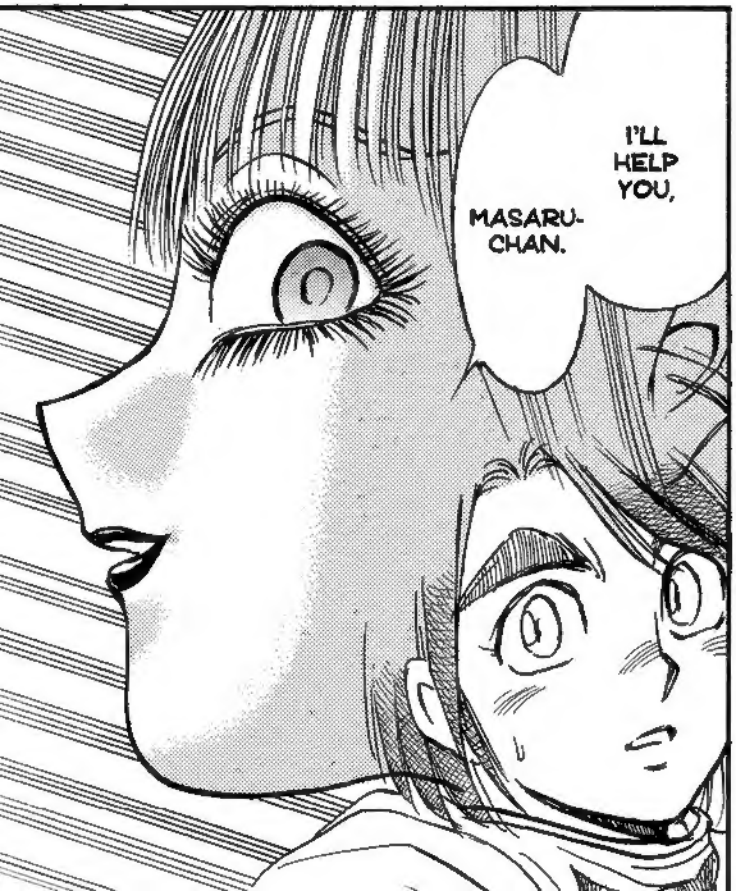
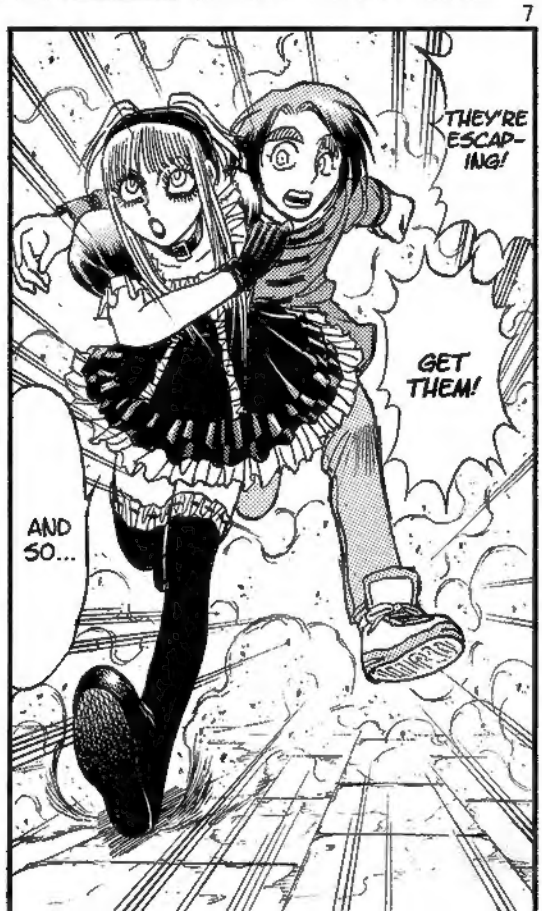

I'LL HELP YOU, MASARU-CHAN.


THEY'RE ESCAP-ING!
GET THEM!
AND SO...

THUS, MY FAMILY HAS BEEN OF MILITARY LINEAGE SINCE THE CRUSADERS' EXPEDITION.
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GUNDEAU FAMILY... VILLON FAMILY... WE'RE IN GOOD TERMS WITH ALL OF THE BRAVE AND VENERABLE HOUSEHOLDS.
BEHOLD, THE VARIOUS LOOTS OF MY ANCESTORS!
AUTOMATA HAVE NO FAMILY OR ANCESTORS. CAPITAN GRAZIANO HERE ONLY ADMIRES THAT ASPECT OF HUMANS AND BELIEVES THAT HE HIMSELF WAS A KNIGHT...
FAMILY LINEAGE, RECORDS, AND ALL OF THIS EVIDENCE, EVERYTHING IS A LIE...
THEREFORE, I MUST ATTAIN KNIGHTHOOD...

HE'S NOT TALKING TO ME... THIS DOLL ONLY WANTS TO HAVE A ONE-SIDED CONVERSATION.
HE'S BEEN GOING LIKE THIS FOR THREE HOURS.
THIS SWORD, FOR INSTANCE, WAS IN THE REIGN OF LOUIS XIV...
SO, I BROUGHT ONE ALL THE WAY FROM AFRICA AND FOUGH IT, BUT IT WASN'T A BIG DEAL.
I HEARD THAT ELEPHANTS WERE STRONG.
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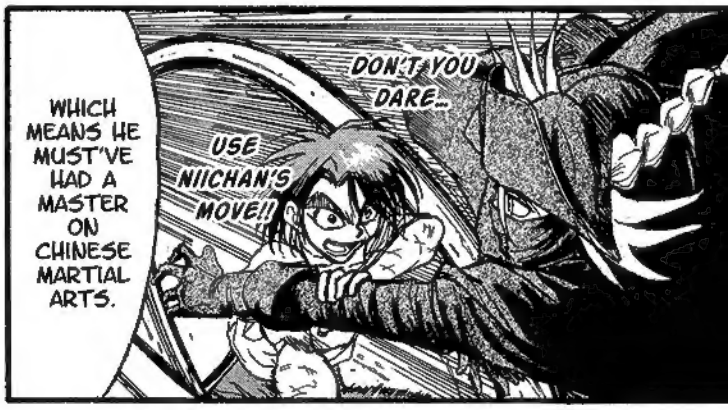
THAT HOLE WAS SUPPOSEDLY USED TO THROW THE PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED DURING THE EXPERIMENT OF HIS MOVES...
BRIGHELLA HERE IS DEVOTED TO MARTIAL ARTS RESEARCH.
HUH?
THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND.

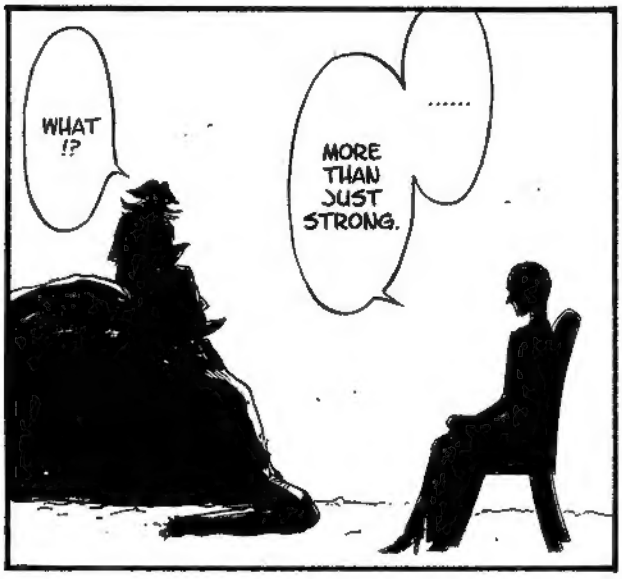
THAT BOY DODGED MY ATTACK...
IT'S LIKE HE KNEW THE CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS MOVE I USED.
AND WHEN HE COUNTERED ME, HE SAID...

.....
WHEN WE CAPTURED YOU AT THAT VILLAGE, A SINGLE BOY CAME TOWARD US.

YOUNG MAS-TER!

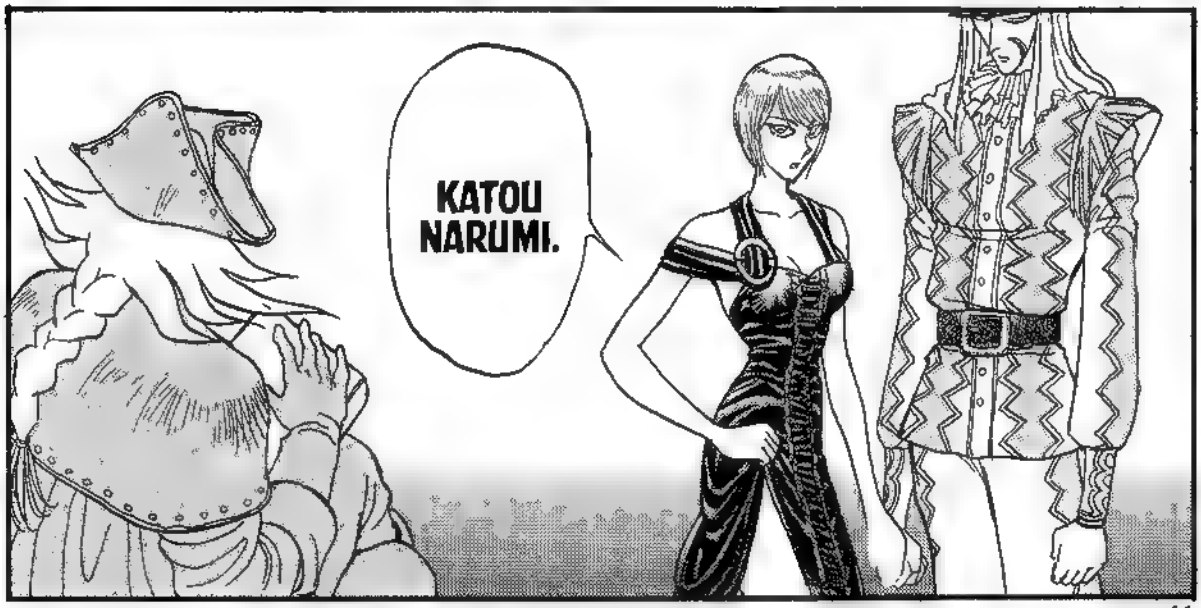
YOU'VE BEEN WITH HIM FOR A LONG TIME.
DID YOU KNOW HIS MASTER...? WAS HE STRONG?

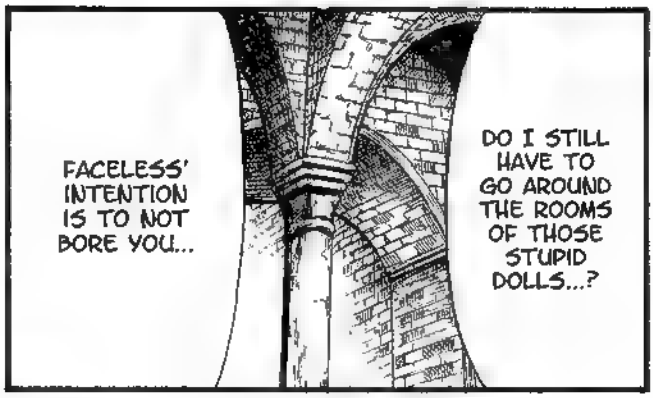

WHICH MEANS HE MUST'VE HAD A MASTER ON CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS.
DON'T YOU DARE..
USE NIICHAN'S MOVE!!

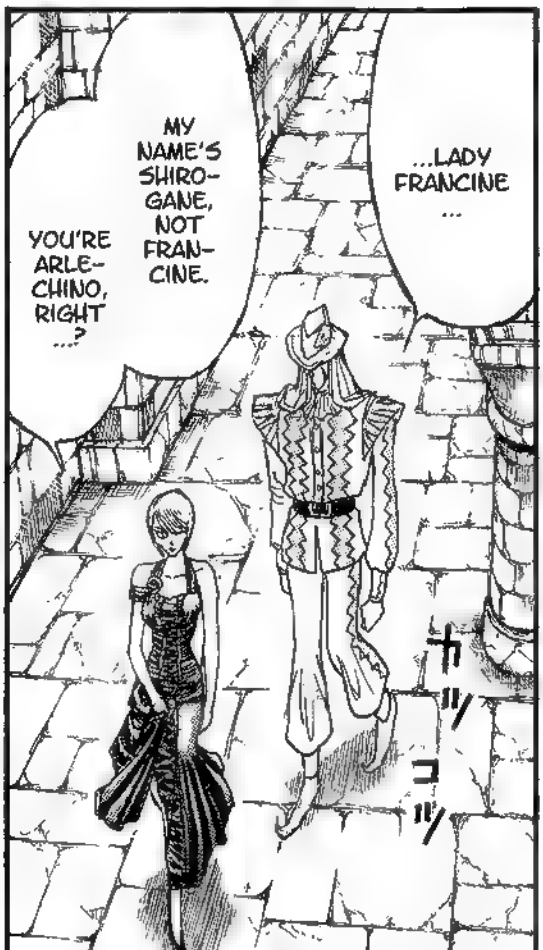

WHAT !?
.....
MORE THAN JUST STRONG.

NARUMI!!

WHAT'S HIS NAME?
SEVERAL TIMES STRONGER THAN YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT


KATOU NARUMI.


FACELESS' INTENTION IS TO NOT BORE YOU...
DO I STILL HAVE TO GO AROUND THE ROOMS OF THOSE STUPID DOLLS...?


...LADY FRANCINE ...
MY NAME'S SHIRO-GANE, NOT FRAN-CINE.
YOU'RE ARLE-CHINO, RIGHT ...?
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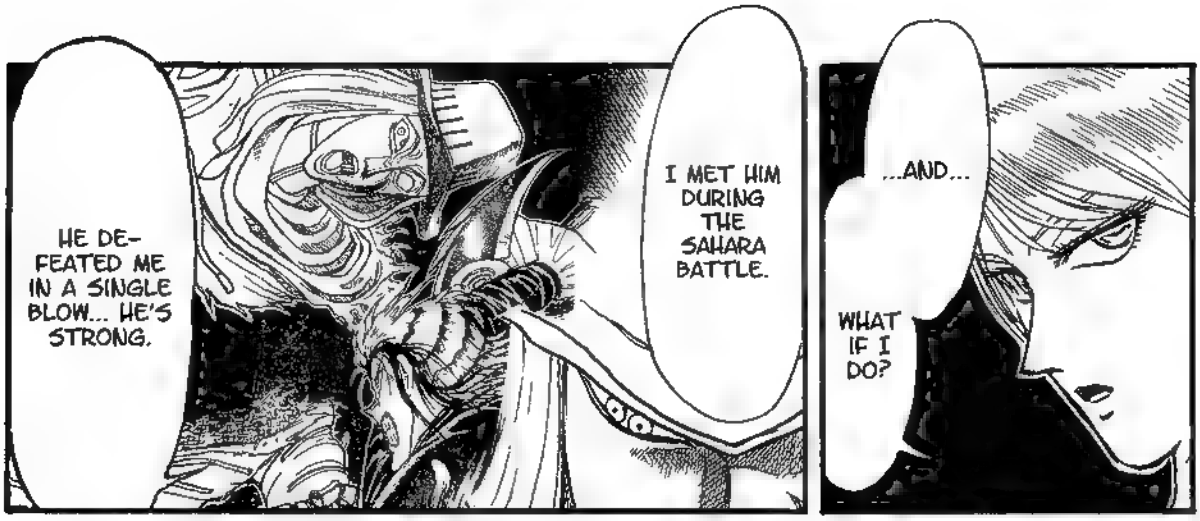
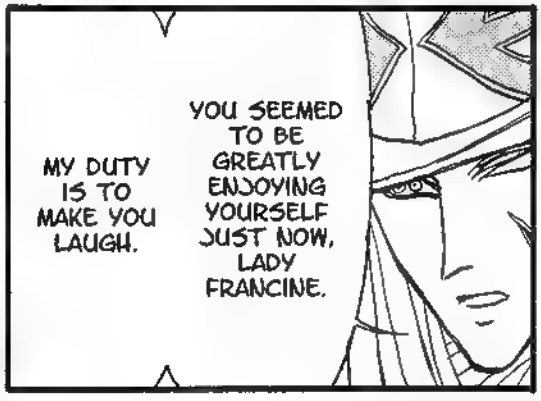
YOU KNOW KATOU NARUMI, LADY FRANCINE?
WHAT A NUISANCE... THEN, WHAT IS IT?
FLINCH


HE DE-FEATED ME IN A SINGLE BLOW... HE'S STRONG.
I MET HIM DURING THE SAHARA BATTLE.
...AND...
WHAT IF I DO?

...WHAT?
YES, HE'S VERY STRONG!
...YES!!

I'LL PROBABLY NEVER MEET WITH YOU AGAIN LIKE THIS...
NARUMI...

YES! PLEASE!!


MY DUTY IS TO MAKE YOU LAUGH.
YOU SEEMED TO BE GREATLY ENJOYING YOURSELF JUST NOW, LADY FRANCINE.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO KEEP TALKING ABOUT NARUMI?

BUT NARUMI...
MY HEART WON'T CHANGE EVEN IF I DIE.
AND THEN!?
AND SO, HE TOOK PANTALONE'S ARM...
YOU KNOW, I LOVE PRETTY THINGS.
WITH HUMAN BLOOD.
LIKE WESTERN CLOTHES AND JEWELS,
I ALSO LOVE TO POLISH MY BODY...
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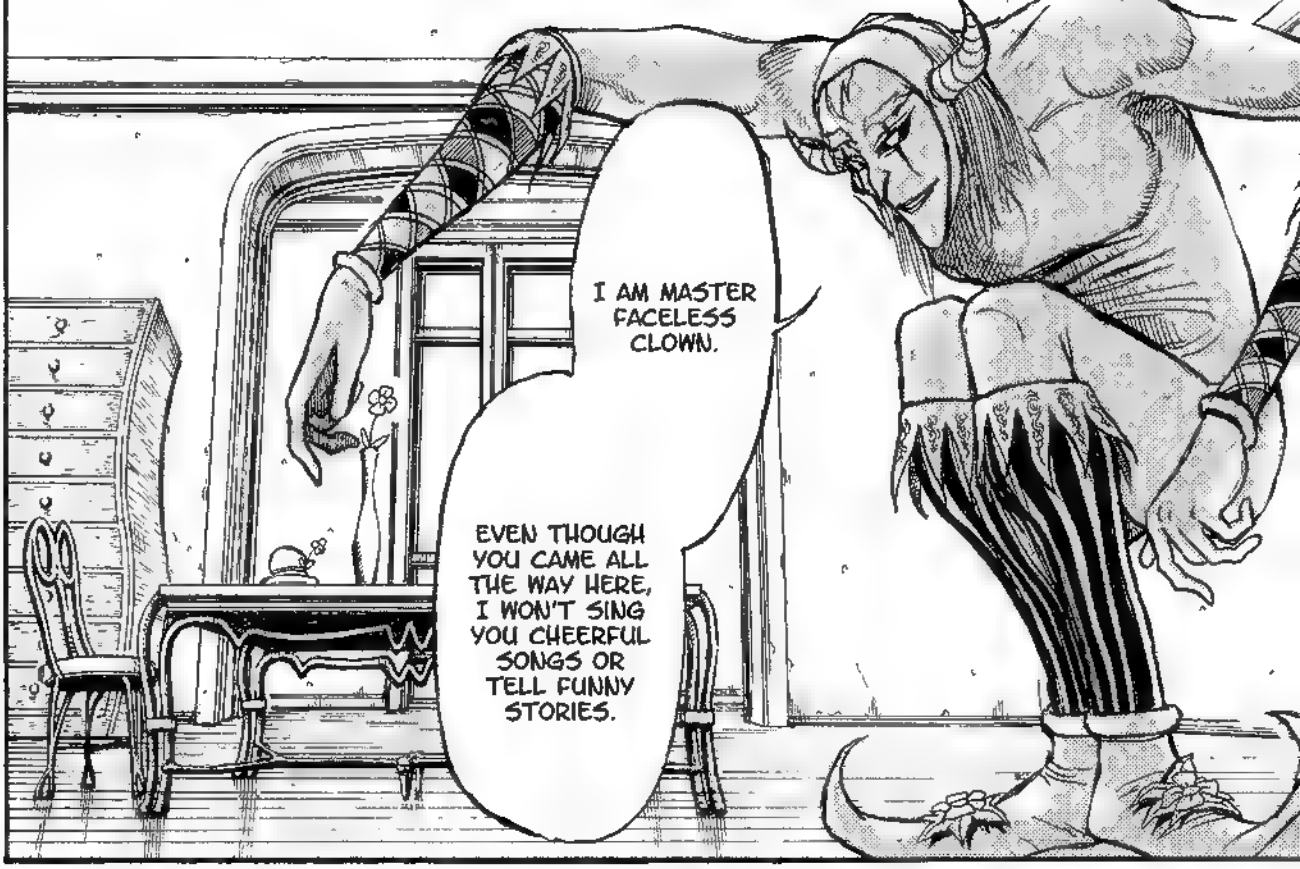
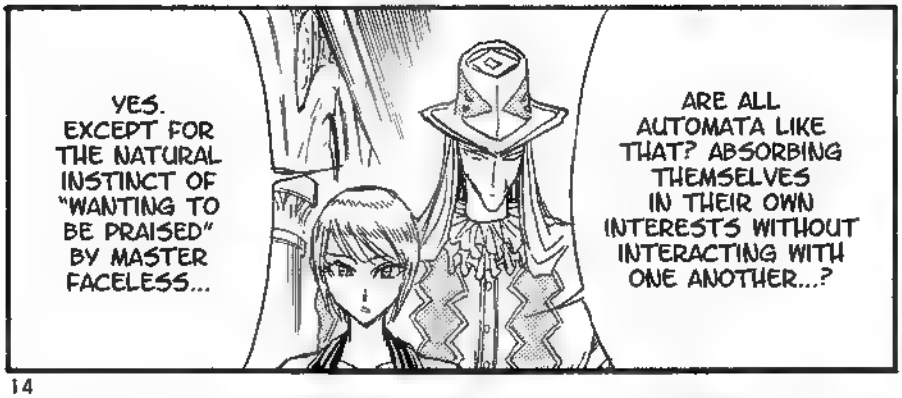
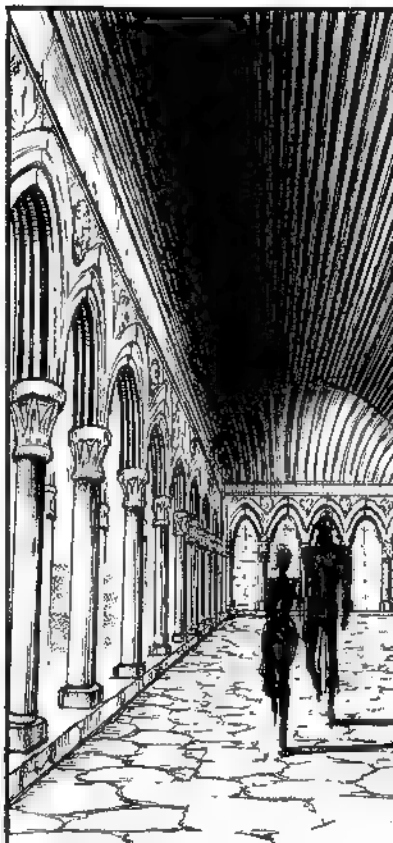

I AM MASTER FACELESS CLOWN.
EVEN THOUGH YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, I WON'T SING YOU CHEERFUL SONGS OR TELL FUNNY STORIES.

WELL, THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR AN AUTOMATON, RIGHT? IF YOU WANT TO SEE SOMETHING FUNNY, LOOK AT A MIRROR.
I STAY LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME WAITING FOR MASTER FACELESS TO CALL ME.


YES. EXCEPT FOR THE NATURAL INSTINCT OF "WANTING TO BE PRAISED" BY MASTER FACELESS...
ARE ALL AUTOMATA LIKE THAT? ABSORBING THEMSELVES IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS WITHOUT INTERACTING WITH ONE ANOTHER...?



I... AM JUST HAPPY TO BE OF USE TO YOU.

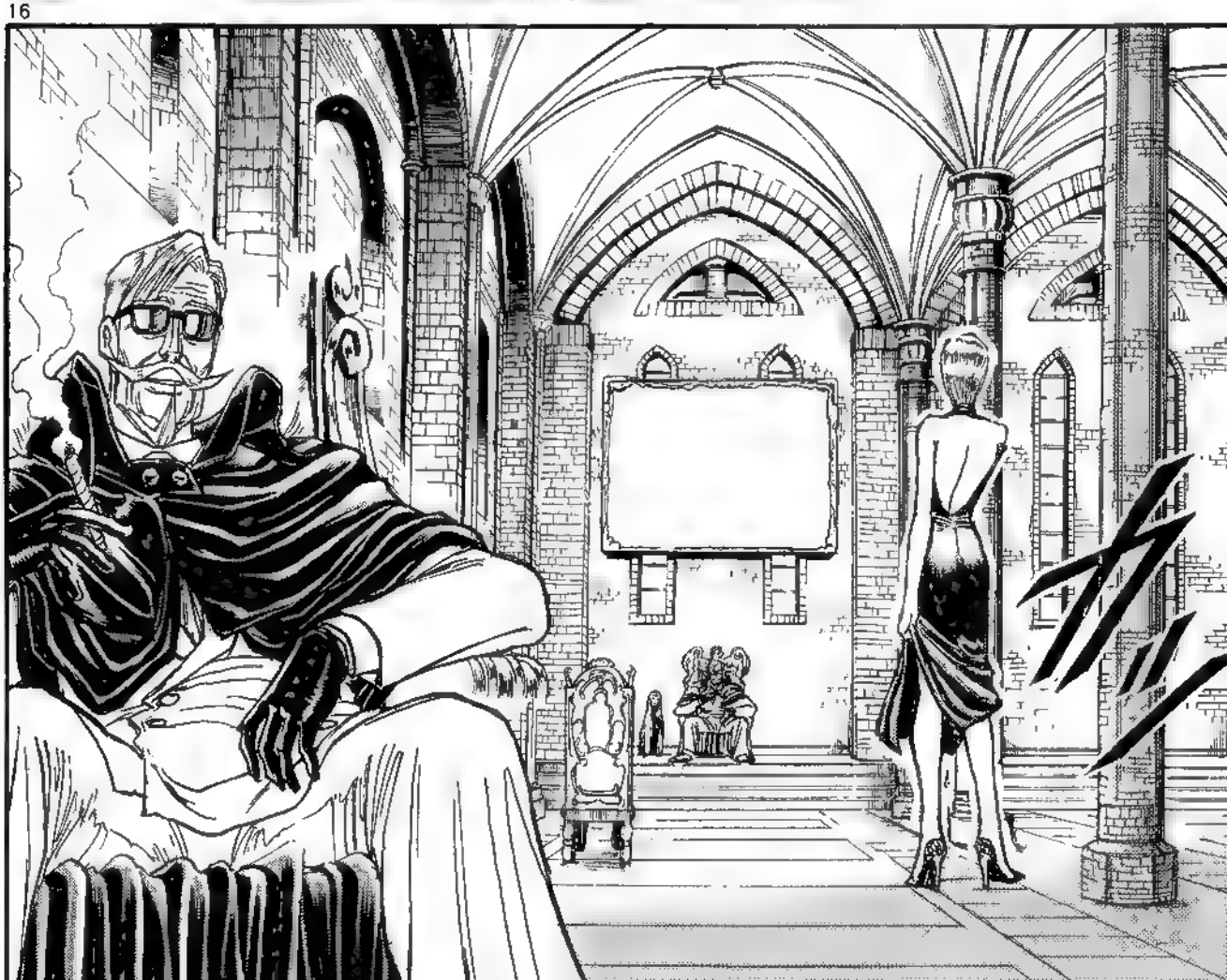
ARE YOU LIKE THAT TOO, ARLECHINO?

GATHERING WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW AND LIVING TOGETHER...
...WHILE GRADUALLY BEING ABLE TO LAUGH AND BE SAD ABOUT THE SAME THINGS.
THAT PROCESS IS TRUE HAPPINESS.
HUH ...?
HAPPY...? BEING HAPPY MEANS HAVING "EMPATHY."
I LEARNED THAT FROM BEING WITH THE YOUNG MASTER...
YOU SHOULD HAVE A TASTE OF IT TOO.
.....
AND YOU... TOOK THAT AWAY...

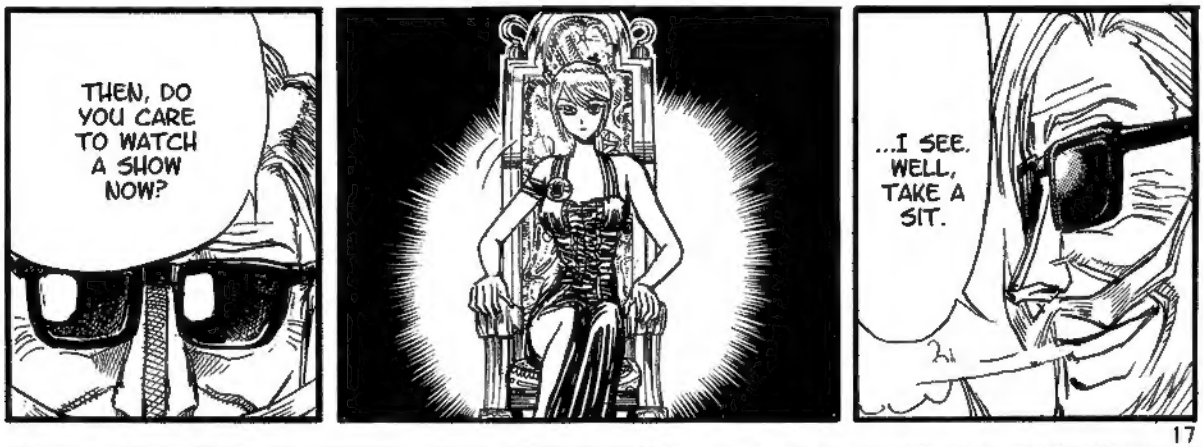
IF YOU KNEW ALL THAT, YOU'D UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO HUMANS.
THAT WARM FEELING WHEN YOU JOIN HANDS WITH SOMEONE TO SING A SONG...
THE JOY OF APPLAUSES AFTER YOUR SHOW...
THE PLEASURE OF RECEIVING LAUGHTER FROM CHILDREN...

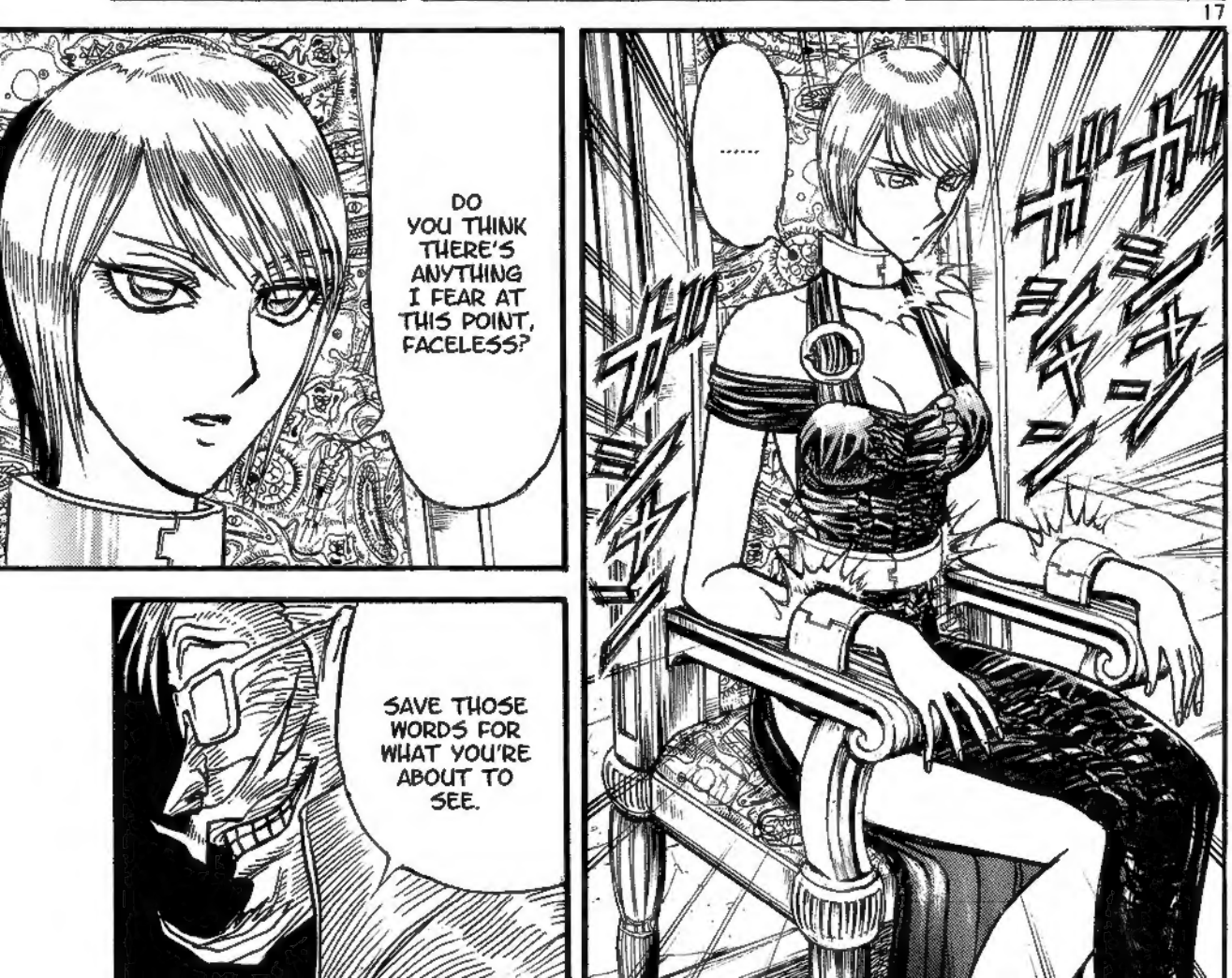
YES!
IT'S AN
ORDER!!
GOSH...
AUTOMATA
ARE ALL
LIKE THIS...
IS THAT...
AN ORDER?

I'll show you
the way to
La Merveille's
guest room!
Arlechino,
Master Faceless
is summoning
Miss Eleonore.

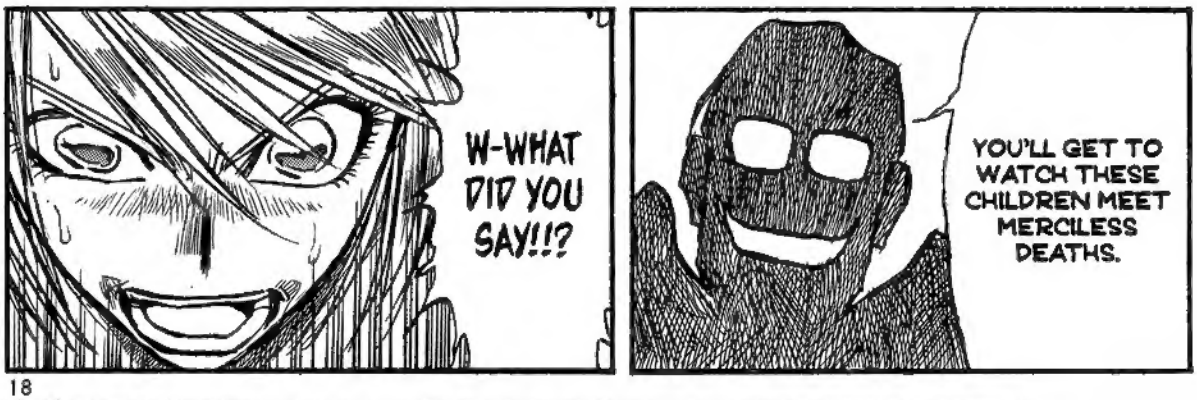


HAVE YOU HAD FUN CHATTING WITH LES DERNIER QUATRE, ELEO-NORE?
NOT REALLY ...


...I SEE. WELL, TAKE A SIT.
THEN, DO YOU CARE TO WATCH A SHOW NOW?


DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANYTHING I FEAR AT THIS POINT, FACELESS?
.....
SAVE THOSE WORDS FOR WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE.

AH!
THESE LOVELY INTRUDERS ARE ENTERING MY CASTLE NOW.


W-WHAT DID YOU SAY!!?
YOU'LL GET TO WATCH THESE CHILDREN MEET MERCILESS DEATHS.

I WANT YOU TO HATE ME, ELEONORE.
GO ON...

INTERVAL
SEE YOU NEXT STAGE

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